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REMARKS/ARGUMENT

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-6 and 32-45 are pending.

Claims 1-6 are rejected.

Claims 7-31 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 32-45 have been added.

II. Claims

New claims 32-45 are directed toward the elected invention and species have been added to the application for review. No new matter is incorporated into either the amended claims or the newly added claims that were not present either in the specification or the drawings at the time of file.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the inventors consider to the invention.. The rejection of claim 3 is moot in light of the amendment of the claim. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and removal of the rejection.

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IV. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kelman (US 5,005,887). Kelman does not teach claims 1-4 as currently amended. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection of claims 1-4 are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 4-6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kariatsumari et al. (US 2001/0024051 A1). Kariatsumari et al. does not teach each and every element of claims 1 and 4-6 as currently amended. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection of claims 1 and 4-6 respectfully requested.

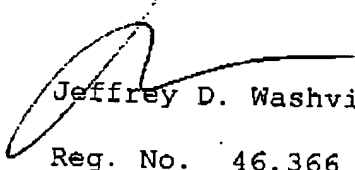
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V. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn and the application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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